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RE: Request to Form and Participate in a State Route 12 Corridor Advisory Committee

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), I am requesting the participation of your respective agencies in the formation and staffing of a SR 12 Corridor Advisory Committee dedicated to improving safety and mobility on the SR 12 Corridor between I-5 and I-80.

As you are aware, State Route 12 (SR 12) runs through all three of our counties – Solano, Sacramento and San Joaquin. The SR 12 corridor is a shared source of personal and economic mobility for both the present and the future and serves the local communities and the broader Bay Area and Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta area. Unfortunately, SR 12 is also source of safety concerns, a transportation bottleneck, and is located in an environmentally sensitive area. Because the SR 12 corridor is a resource shared by our three counties, the task of making it a safe and effective transportation corridor likewise needs to be shared. The STA would therefore like to work with you to form and staff a State Route 12 Corridor Advisory Committee.

The STA proposes a Corridor Advisory Committee configured with five voting members: two each from the STA and the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), and one from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG). Additional exofficio members would be invited from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the California Highway Patrol (CHP). We would also propose asking the Delta Protection Commission to participate in the SR 12 Corridor Advisory Committee.

The primary purpose of the Corridor Advisory Committee would be to guide several studies of SR 12 corridor transportation issues and solutions, and to make recommendations on the scope, timing and coordination of future improvements. The Corridor Advisory Committee would guide a major investment study of the SR 12 corridor from I-80 to I-5, and a related Rio Vista Bridge Realignment Study already being undertaken by STA. These studies would be combined with the previous SR 12 efforts of both STA and SJCOG/Caltrans, by providing up-to-date data and traffic projections. In partnership with Caltrans, we would develop a comprehensive plan for creating a safe, effective and sustainable SR 12 corridor. The staff to undertake these efforts would primarily come from STA and SJCOG, with periodic assistance from state agencies such as Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, and the Delta Protection Commission, and SACOG. Representatives from state legislative officials and other public and private participants would be invited to participate as needed.

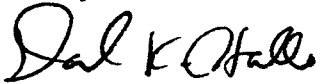
The STA would like to propose a first meeting for the Corridor Advisory Committee, to be held on May 22, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the meeting would be to formally begin the process of SR 12 coordination and to provide guidance on the development of an agreement, formal or informal, between STA, SJCOG and SACOG on the roles and responsibilities for the Committee. An initial staff coordinating meeting will be scheduled in early May to provide an opportunity to discuss the work plan and set an agenda for the initial Corridor Advisory Committee meeting.

In order for that meeting to occur, each of the participating agencies would need to designate its elected representatives. The STA has already designated Rio Vista Mayor and STA Chair Ed Woodruff and Solano County Supervisor and MTC Commission Member Jim Spering as its representatives. We would like to have SJCOG and SACOG appoint representatives to attend the first meeting and help establish the SR 12 Corridor Advisory Committee. In addition, we would ask SJCOG and SACOG to designate a member of your staff to serve on a staff working or technical committee in support of this effort. Please send information regarding your representatives to:

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We look forward to taking the idea of coordination for State Route 12 activities from the discussion to the action stage.

Sincerely,



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